

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Curently amended) A prosthetic hip for supporting on a patient a prosthetic leg having an upper end, comprising:
 - a socket having an outer surface;
 - a mount on said outer surface so as to define a joint axis ~~and defining a joint axis, said joint axis that substantially coincides~~ ~~coinciding~~ with the natural axis of rotation of the patient's natural leg when rotated in a sagittal plane; and
 - a first member adjustably affixed to said outer surface, said first member including an extension stop member;
 - the upper leg end being pivotably mounted on said mount such that the leg is pivotable about said joint axis and pivoting of the leg in at least one direction is limited by said extension stop member.
2. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 1, further including a load arm extending medially from the upper leg end so as to engage the outer surface of the socket.
3. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 2 wherein said load arm is configured so as to transmit a load from the socket directly to the prosthetic leg.
4. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 3 wherein said load arm includes a roller at its distal end and said roller engages the outer surface of said socket.
5. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 4 wherein the outer surface of said socket includes a roller track configured to engage said roller.
6. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 1 wherein said stop member includes means for engaging said socket so as to prevent relative rotation between said socket and said stop member.
7. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 1 wherein said first member is mounted on said mount between said socket and said upper leg end.

8. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 1 wherein said first member is azimuthally positionable relative to said joint axis, further including means for preventing rotation of said first member relative to said socket.

9. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 8 wherein said rotation preventing means comprises at least a first engaging means on said first member and at least a second engaging means, said second engaging means being fixed relative to said joint axis, said first and second engaging means being engageable to prevent rotation of said first member relative to said socket.

10. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 9 wherein said second engaging means comprises at least one protrusion on said socket.

11. (Currently amended) A prosthetic hip for supporting on a patient a prosthetic leg having an upper end, comprising:

a socket having an outer surface;

a mount on said outer surface so as to define a joint axis ~~and defining a joint axis, said joint axis that substantially coincides coinciding~~ with the natural axis of rotation of the patient's natural leg when rotated in a sagittal plane;

the upper leg end being pivotably mounted on said mount such that the leg is pivotable about said joint axis; and

means for limiting pivoting of the leg about said joint axis in at least one direction.

12. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 11, further including a load arm extending medially from the upper leg end so as to engage the outer surface of the socket.

13. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 12 wherein said load arm is configured so as to transmit a load from the socket directly to the prosthetic leg.

14. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 13 wherein said load arm includes a

roller at its distal end and said roller engages the outer surface of said socket.

15. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 14 wherein the outer surface of said socket includes a roller track configured to engage said roller.

16. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 11 wherein said stop member includes means for engaging said socket so as to prevent relative rotation between said socket and said stop member.

17. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 11 wherein said first member is mounted on said mount between said socket and said upper leg end.

18. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 11 wherein said first member is azimuthally positionable relative to said joint axis, further including means for preventing rotation of said first member relative to said socket.

19. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 18 wherein said rotation preventing means comprises at least a first engaging means on said first member and at least a second engaging means, said second engaging means being fixed relative to said joint axis, said first and second engaging means being engageable to prevent rotation of said first member relative to said socket.

20. (Original) The prosthetic hip according to claim 19 wherein said second engaging means comprises at least one protrusion on said socket.